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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IS USING FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN ANSWER TO PRESS QUERIES ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST IN HIS MARCH 9 PRESS CONFERENCE (TEXT OF REMARKS ON MARCH 9 WIRELESS FILE). POSTS SHOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO THESE POINTS IN ANSWER TO QUERIES FROM ALL SOURCES ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, AND NOT GO BEYOND THEM IN ANY WAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. Q. ARE YOU ABLE TO CLARIFY TODAY VARIOUS POINTS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST MADE YESTERDAY BY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE?

A. --THE PRESIDENT WAS CLEAR ABOUT WHAT HE SAID.

--HE WAS NOT LAYING OUT AN AMERICAN PLAN.

--THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE IN THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS EXPRESSES THE CENTRAL THRUST OF U.S. POLICY:

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"WE ARE GOING TO MOUNT A MAJOR EFFORT IN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT IN '77 TO BRING THE PARTIES TO GENEVA. OBVIOUSLY,

ANY AGREEMENT HAS TO BE BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED. WE WILL ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY WHEN OUR GOOD OFFICES WILL SERVE WELL.

"BUT I AM NOT TRYING TO PREDISPOSE OUR OWN NATION'S ATTITUDE TOWARD WHAT MIGHT BE THE ULTIMATE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT THAT CAN MEAN SO MUCH TO WORLD PEACE."

--IN LINE WITH THIS APPROACH WE WILL BE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PARTIES IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. I AM NOT GOING TO DISCUSS WHAT COURSE THOSE TALKS MIGHT TAKE OR PREJUDGE THEIR OUTCOME.

Q. HAS NOT THE PRESIDENT ALREADY DISCUSSED THESE IDEAS WITH ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT? IF SO, WHAT WAS RABIN'S REACTION?

A. --A NUMBER OF IDEAS WERE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE
PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER. THE PRESIDENT INTENDS
TO HAVE THE SAME CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS WITH THE ARAB LEADERS
WHEN HE MEETS WITH THEM. AS WE HAVE ALREADY SAID, ALL
THESE TALKS ARE EXPLORATORY. ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE
TALKS WITH MR. RABIN, I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT THE
WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY HAS SAID (ON MARCH 7-8).
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